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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOM PROPOSAL FOR HANDLING CAPACITY
INCREASES

REF: (A) STATE 180974, (B) STATE 180975

1. IN ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY AND AT HIS SUGGESTION,
EMBASSY ACTING E/C COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF MET WITH ING.
MIGUEL ANGEL BARBERENA VEGA, UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMUNI-
CATIONS AND TRANSPORT. E/C COUNSELOR DELIVERED ESSENCE
OF REFTELS, INDICATING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WAS VERY
COMMITTED TO THE IDEA OF DEREGULATION IN AVIATION AND
THAT A CONTINUATION OF THE CAPACITY LETTERS WOULD PRESENT
A SERIOUS DOMESTIC POLICY PROBLEM FOR THE USG. ALSO,
THAT USG WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO HOLD AFTER-THE-FACT
CONSULTATIONS ON ANY INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY PROBLEMS
WHICH MIGHT ARISE.

2. BARBERENA RESPONDED THAT HE APPRECIATED USG DESIRE FOR
DEREGULATION BUT THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WISHED TO
RETAIN ITS CONTROL OVER DECISIONS REGARDING FLIGHTS TO AND
FROM MEXICO. THE TWO MEXICAN AIRLINES WERE NOWHERE NEAR
AS LARGE OR POWERFUL AS THE U.S. AIRLINES. TO THROW OPEN
CAPACITY DECISIONS TO THE AIRLINES, HE STATED, MIGHT WELL
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WORK AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE MEXICAN CARRIERS. HE
ADDED THAT THE ROLE OF THE GOM IN THIS MATTER IS NOT
EXACTLY TO PROTECT BUT RATHER "TO LOOK AFTER" THE
INTERESTS OF THE TWO MEXICAN AIRLINES.

3. COMMENT: BARBERENA SEEMED KNOWLEDGEABLE ON CAPACITY
PROBLEMS AND AVIATION POLICY GENERALLY. HE SAID HE KNEW

THAT THE TREND IN THE US WAS TOWARD LESS GOVERNMENTAL
REGULATION OF THE AIRLINES, BUT HE CLEARLY DOES NOT
REGARD THIS AS A DESIRABLE COURSE FOR MEXICO ON CAPACITY
OR OTHER AVIATION MATTERS. LUCEY

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